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The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to announce the assignment of Mr. Richard Verhaagen as Site Representative at the Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in New Mexico. Mr. Verhaagen will replace Mr. Brett Broderick and join Mr. Todd Davis, the Board's current Site Representative at LANL, in July 2012.

As a Site Representative, Mr. Verhaagen will advise the Board on the overall safety conditions at LANL defense nuclear facilities and will participate in technical reviews by the Board and its staff related to the design, construction, operation, and decommissioning of defense nuclear facilities. Mr. Verhaagen will also evaluate safety aspects of LANL's stockpile stewardship activities and design agency support of nuclear weapons operations performed elsewhere in the defense nuclear complex. Additionally, Mr. Verhaagen will act as the Board's liaison with Department of Energy and LANL management, federal, state and local agencies, the public, and industry officials.

Mr. Verhaagen joined the Board's technical staff in May 2008. During his tenure on the technical staff, Mr. Verhaagen has been responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of the safety management programs implemented by the Department of Energy for high-hazard nuclear operations at its defense nuclear facilities. His efforts have focused on worker safety and the safe planning and execution of work across the complex. In addition to these responsibilities, Mr. Verhaagen assessed the design adequacy and reliability of instrumented systems intended for use in safety applications at newly designed defense nuclear facilities. Prior to joining the Board's staff, Mr. Verhaagen spent 24 years on active duty in the United States Navy. He served initially as an enlisted electronics technician and retired as a submarine warfare officer. Mr. Verhaagen holds Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Mathematics from Purdue University. He also earned a Master of Engineering degree in Nuclear Engineering from Penn State University.